

GRAND BALL MAY BE GIVEN
IN PRINCE HENRY'S HONOR.

New York Plans an Elaborate Function Similar to the One Given in 1860 to the Prince of Wales—Other Entertainments Planned—Committee on Reception Will Make No Changes in Programme for Western Tour Until Details of Trip Have Been Arranged With Railroad Companies.

ADMIRAL EVANS WILL ESCORT PRINCE TO VARIOUS CITIES.



REAR ADMIRAL ROBLEY D. EVANS.
Who has been selected to greet Prince Henry of Prussia upon his arrival in the United States.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
New York, Jan. 24.—The committee appointed by Mayor Low to receive Prince Henry when he arrives here next month will meet for the purpose of organizing tomorrow and drafting some definite plans for the entertainment of the city's royal guest.

A movement is said to be on foot to hold a grand ball, similar to the one given in 1860 in honor of the Prince of Wales. George Wilson, who arranged that function, is prominently mentioned in connection with the one proposed. It is very likely, in case it should be decided to give a ball, that it will not be held until the evening of the departure of the Prince.

Mayor Low will entertain the Prince at a private dinner, to be given at the Metropolitan Club, after which he will be escorted to the opera.

Heinrich Conried, manager of the Irving Place Theater, has been notified by Baron von Hohenhausen to give a gala performance during the presence of the Royal Highness, Prince Henry, has been granted.

The Prince will attend the theater on February 22, and the proceeds of the sale of seats will be donated to charity. The choice of the play has not been made.

The Committee on Arrangements for the reception of Prince Henry is now awaiting a report from several railroad representatives on certain details of the Prince's itinerary while in the United States. As the committee does not expect to be advised on these points until next Tuesday, it is probable that there will be no material changes in the programme as heretofore outlined before that day.

WILL VISIT HARVARD MARCH 6.
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 24.—Prince Henry of Prussia will visit Harvard University March 6. A programme for one day's ceremonies centering around Harvard University will be arranged. The exercises will include a reception at the Harvard Union as the principal function.

INSURGENT LEADER HURT
AT FIGHT IN PANAMA BAY.

Colombian Government Trying to Arrange for Release of Sunk Gunboat in Harbor.

Colon, Colombia, Jan. 24.—The latest advices from Buena Ventura and Bogota report that all is quiet in the interior of the Republic.

News has reached Panama that General Porras, one of the insurgent leaders, was wounded on board the Liberal steamer Padilla during the naval battle of Monday last in Panama Bay.

The Government is making proposals to a wrecking company at New York to float the Padilla, which was sunk in the same engagement. Her guns have been salvaged.

Canoes which have arrived at Panama report that General Castro and his forces are at Las Tablas. Several Liberals seen in the neighborhood of his intrenchments have been arrested. Nobody is allowed on the streets of Panama, under penalty of arrest, after 10 p. m.

Re-enforcements are expected momentarily from Buena Ventura.

Suspicious lights have been seen off the Pacific coast, northeast of Panama, signaling with the shore. It is surmised that revolutionaries are trying to land there.

COMPLAINS OF HOODOO SPELLS.

Negro Commits Suicide Through Fear of Harm.

Believing himself to be a victim of a spell Joseph Kerner, 35 years old, attempted to commit suicide yesterday afternoon by slashing his throat with a razor, in the rear of No. 705 South Seventh street, where he had been staying. He succeeded in inflicting two deep wounds, one on each side

of his throat and cutting both arms before he was noticed.

At the City Hospital, where he was taken, he stated that a spell had been cast upon him by a man to whom he loaned his razor last month, and it was to escape from the hoodoo that he decided to end his life.

Until a few weeks ago Kerner had been living at the home of his brother, at No. 2333 Missouri avenue. When he left the house he acted queerly and nothing more was heard from him until he was brought to the hospital.

PROGRESS OF CHISM CASE.

Prosecution Succeeds in Getting Grand Jury Evidence Admitted.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 24.—When Earl, the son of the defendant in the Chism trial, was on the stand this morning, he made a statement which, the State declared, was contradictory to one made before the Grand Jury. The State Attorney produced the stenographer's report of the latter proceedings and started to read the evidence then given.

The admission of this report was strenuously opposed by the defendant's attorneys, and the arguments were the most exciting yet heard in the trial. Several hours were consumed in discussing this point. The defense maintained that the Grand Jury proceedings should be held inviolable and the publication was unprecedented.

The court, after taking the matter under advisement, sustained the prosecution. The defense then demanded a copy of the Grand Jury proceedings for reference purposes, but again the court sustained the prosecution and refused to allow their demand.

Stella, the 3-year-old daughter of Chism, who was in the buggy when the slephter was attacked, succeeded Earl on the stand, but her testimony failed to develop anything new.

FAIR WORKERS TO
INVADE NEW YORK.

Strong Delegation Will Ask an Appropriation of at Least \$750,000 for Display.

OTHER DELEGATIONS ARRANGED.

Governor Dockery, Mayor Wells, President Francis, Treasurer Thompson to Make the Empire State Trip.

New York's Legislature, in joint session, will be invaded about February 10 by the strongest World's Fair delegation that may be sent out from St. Louis during the entire ante-Exposition period, in a mighty effort to obtain from the Empire State an appropriation of at least \$750,000 for her display at the Fair.

The delegation will include: David R. Francis, President of the Exposition; Adolphus Busch, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Exposition; Governor Dockery, Chairman of the Exposition; William H. Thompson, Treasurer of the Exposition; Corwin H. Spencer, First Vice President of the Exposition; Frederick W. Lehmann, Chairman of the Exposition Committee on Anthropology; D. M. House, Chairman of the Legislation Committee; Nathan Frank of the Executive Committee, and George W. Parker, Chairman of the Committee on Manufactures and Liberal Arts.

This distinguished array of officials probably will travel in a special car, probably the Adolphus, belonging to Adolphus Busch, after appearing before the New York assembly, the party will proceed to Boston, where it is expected to ask for a large appropriation from the Massachusetts Legislature. Providence, R. I., will be the next State capital visited. The same programme will be carried out there. The work of the party probably will terminate at the last place.

The plan and scope of the Exposition will be the burden of a special delegation to visit the Maryland Legislature, now in session at Annapolis. This trip will be made about February 5, and the members of the delegation will be Murray Carleton of the Exposition Executive Committee, William H. Thompson, Charles Hilleary and Leonard Matthews. These men have an appointment this evening at the St. Louis Club to meet Victor L. Baughman, a prominent Marylander. The definite plans of the trip will be arranged at this conference, and the personnel of the delegation and its itinerary will be settled.

Another delegation, headed by former Congressman Seth W. Cobb, one of the Vice Presidents of the Exposition, and chairman of the Fish and Fisheries Committee, is expected to leave the city as soon after the last of February as arrangement can be completed for a trip to Columbus, S. C., where the plan of the World's Fair is to be presented to the Legislature of that State, preparatory to a request for an appropriation.

The itinerary of the Kentucky delegation to Frankfort has been announced. The delegation will be led by President Francis, and on the trip stops at Lexington, Frankfort and Lexington will be made. The party will leave Louisville at 8:30 o'clock Sunday night over the Louisville, Henderson and St. Louis Railway. Louisville will be given a 7:30 o'clock Monday morning. The schedule allows a stop of twenty-three hours and forty minutes at that city, where they will be tendered a reception by the Chamber of Commerce. The leaving time at Louisville is 7:30 a. m. Tuesday, arriving at Frankfort at 9:51 a. m. Tuesday.

After remaining in the State capital twenty-four hours, during which time they will present their claims to the Legislature in joint session, the party will leave Frankfort for Lexington, arriving at that city at 10:29 a. m. Wednesday. Six hours and twenty minutes will be spent there. At 6:20 p. m. the trip will be resumed. Louisville will be reached Wednesday and departed from at 8:35 p. m. St. Louis will be reached at 7:20 a. m. Thursday.

Senator Archer of the Ohio Legislature has prepared for the coming of the delegation, headed by General John W. Noble, by the introduction of a bill providing for a State building and exhibit, and the creation of a commission to manage the same. The amount of the appropriation is left blank. It is expected that it will be upward of \$200,000. Speaker W. S. McKinon of the lower house has telegraphed Chairman House of the Committee on Legislation that special honors will be shown the St. Louis visitors. The announcement of all the arrangements for the legislative trip was made yesterday at a long meeting of the Committees on States and Territorial Exhibits and Legislation. The details of the arrangement were made by Secretary Charles M. Reeves of the joint committee.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL EXERCISES.

Nearly Seven Hundred Diplomas Awarded Successful Pupils.

Six hundred and eighty-five pupils were graduated from the grammar schools of the city yesterday with appropriate exercises in the chapels of the different school buildings. Of the graduates, more than five hundred have announced their intention of attending the World's Fair.

In the commencement exercises at many of the schools the gymnastic and manual training features were prominent. Drills with dumbbells or Indian clubs were on a majority of the programmes, and sometimes the pupils were awarded diplomas for fine needlework wrought by the girls of the upper classes under careful supervision.

Music features were noticeable. Songs by school children or by trained outsiders had been arranged and served as pleasing breaks in the succession of recitations and essay readings. Piano solos were rendered by Emma Dobler and Mathilde Schuessler at the exercises in the Monroe School.

Large numbers of parolists and friends of the graduates were present in every case. The improvised stages had all been decorated with flowers and sometimes with palms, besides the class colors of the graduates and standards bearing their class mottoes.

SEEKS DIVORCE AT EIGHTY.

F. Heisterbaum of Edwardsville Charges Wife With Cruelty.

Francis Heisterbaum of Edwardsville filed suit for divorce and asks an injunction to prevent his wife from disposing of his furniture. Mr. and Mrs. Heisterbaum have been life-time residents of the city, and are well-to-do. The suit has created a sensation.

Mr. Heisterbaum is more than 80 years of age. He lives in a bill that his wife has collected the interest and renewed notes to the value of \$5,000 and \$2,000, and that they are now wrongfully in her name.

He continues with the declaration that his wife is "large, able-bodied and powerful, possessed of great strength and an uncontrollable temper."

Mr. Heisterbaum states that she has made threats to kill him with knife and revolver, and has pulled him around by the beard, and has threatened to burn him. The bill relates that she pursued him and beat him with a poker.

Judge Bartlett issued an injunction restraining the woman from selling or otherwise disposing of any property until the case can be decided.

FOUR PERSONS HURT
IN A COLLISION.

Cass and Lee Avenue Cars Came Together at Newstead and St. Louis Avenues.

ONE CAR WAS OVERTURNED.

Passengers Were Removed From the Wreck Through the Windows—One Woman Probably Seriously Injured.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
The injured.
MRS. J. MOHN, No. 234 Arlington avenue, internal injuries and bruises and cuts on the head.
MRS. J. C. MARCY, No. 342 Lawton avenue, cut on the left shoulder and bruised on the knees and hip.
WILLIAM WORTMAN, No. 2518 Chipewa street, cut and bruised on the cheek and left hip injured.

Four persons were injured yesterday afternoon in a collision of Cass and Lee avenue cars at the crossing at St. Louis and Newstead avenues.

The Lee avenue car was bound south, and crashed into the eastbound Cass avenue car when it was half way over the crossing. The cars came together with such force as to overturn the Cass avenue car.

The passengers in the Cass avenue car were thrown from their seats and were cut by flying glass. They were removed from the car through the windows by the crew. The Lee avenue car was in charge of Motorist Edward Jeffrey of No. 330 Easton avenue. It was an extra car going to the barn, and contained no passengers.

The motorist escaped injury by jumping when he saw a collision was unavoidable.

As soon as the passengers were taken from the wreck they were conveyed to the office of a physician of the Transit Company, where their injuries were dressed. They were then removed to their homes.

Mrs. Mohn was thrown against a seat and internal injuries, which are considered of a serious nature. Mrs. Marcy's injuries are not serious.

The vestibule of the Lee avenue car was wrecked. The Cass avenue car was damaged \$100.

Traffic on both lines was blocked for an hour.

William J. Kuhn was the motorist on the Cass avenue car. James Durtner was conductor.

CATHOLIC PAPER

DEFENDS SCHWAB.

Says There Is Nothing Essentially Evil in Taking Part in Any Game of Chance.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 24.—The Pittsburg Catholic Observer, in an article in its latest issue, editorially, comes to the defense of President C. M. Schwab of the United States Steel Corporation as follows:

"A great outcry has been raised over the fact that when Mr. Charles Schwab, president of the United States Steel Corporation, was recently in Monte Carlo, he went to the gambling halls, as almost all other visitors do, and staked some money on the games, winning and losing various amounts."

"Let Catholics themselves should get a false conscience from the Protestant clamor, the Observer thinks proper to keep the boy for it is a boy—as a mascot. That is, of course, if the law or the company's secret service cannot find its mother or somebody else to claim it and take care of it."

But the road will exact a sacred promise in regard to the last clause. An official authority for the road.

"You know it is rumored," he said, "that the road will issue more than \$200,000 in bonds, in that case the baby ought to be fortunate."

This mysterious baby, according to Conductor Birdsong, who learned a great deal from the passengers on his train, boarded his train, all bundled up in a cotton wrap, and too good-natured to cry.

It was in a woman's arms, and she got on at Rector, Ark. Wednesday morning. The woman's ticket was to Jonesboro, but it is thought she left the train at some other point. A mile and a half in cotton wrap, and the woman with the woman had left her package behind.

What was that? The package moved, or, rather, it worked.

The young woman was alarmed. But the cotton ball worked again, and she touched it with her finger.

Something coiled and batted in its little cocoon.

Miss Lizzie Walton was frightened. "Oh, my, it's something horrid!" she screamed, and then remembered and trembled.

A traveler for a distillery, or something or other, grunted and remarked to his companion something uncomplimentary about the gentler sex.

But the cotton ball came up, and he believed. And so did the other passengers. The woman looked as though she was whiskers on a prominent mole wasn't a bit afraid. She took the bundle up, unwrapped it and found—

"A baby!"

"Two months old," she declared. The conductor had come up, and he believed. And so did the other passengers. The woman looked as though she was whiskers on a prominent mole wasn't a bit afraid. She took the bundle up, unwrapped it and found—

"A baby!"

"CONGRESS MAY HAVE
SOMETHING TO SAY."

Towney Suggests Conditions Under Which Postponement of Fair Might Be Urged.

FOREIGN NATIONS MAY DECIDE.

If They Cannot Exhibit Liberally Before 1904, the Chairman of House Exposition Committee Believes Congress May Act.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Washington, Jan. 24.—Chairman Towney of the House Exposition Committee said today to The Republic correspondent that the sentiment of the Congressmen is that St. Louis is doing her utmost to get ready for the Fair in 1904, and there is a strong hope that no postponement will be necessary.

"But Congress," said Mr. Towney, "will insist that no changes be taken on making the Exposition a perfect success. Congress will have something to say about postponement if it should appear that foreign nations cannot participate in 1903, but can exhibit liberally a year later. There is no doubt the general sentiment of both houses would be in favor of waiting a year."

"Having appropriated \$3,000,000 for this great project, of course, the national Government cannot be indifferent to its success."

"It is in a measure bound to see that nothing is done or omitted that might jeopardize the Exposition. While the Washington authorities hope everything will be ready for the gates to open next year, if it should appear that the Exposition will not then be fully prepared to entertain visitors, I think there would be a determination on the part of Congressmen to defer the opening until all the great features contemplated by the law had been installed."

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STROTHER ADMITS THAT
HE HAD COOPER'S JEWELS.

Suspect in the Bathhouse Murder Case Declares He Took the Diamonds Before His Fatal Assault—Acknowledges Having Brought Up the Sledge Hammer and Hidden It After the Crime.

SAYS HIS EMPLOYER FEARED HIS VISITORS WOULD ROB HIM.



CHIEF OF DETECTIVES
WILLIAM DESMOND

CROSS-QUESTIONING WILLIAM STROTHER, THE SUSPECT IN THE A. DEANE COOPER MURDER.

William Strother, the suspect in the A. Deane Cooper murder mystery, has made a signed statement to Chief of Detectives Desmond, admitting that he took Cooper's jewels for safe-keeping, at his request before he was injured, and concealed them afterwards in the basement.

He also acknowledged having brought the sledge hammer from the basement early in the evening and placed it by the front door. Later in the night, he said, he found Cooper covered with blood beside the injured man's cot and hid it in the furnace-room.

Strother, with Chief Desmond and the Coroner's jury, visited the bathhouse yesterday morning and rehearsed his actions of Wednesday night, detailing also the incidents in which Cooper and his alleged visitors are said to have participated.

Mrs. Frances Whitfield and Kate Robinson of No. 337 Lawton avenue, who had personal and business dealings with Cooper, were sworn by the Chief several hours, but were released, as Strother declared they were not at the bathhouse on Wednesday night.

The surgeons who attended Mr. Cooper say they are unable to determine, from the appearance of the blood stains found, the length of time which had elapsed from the time the blow was struck until they examined him.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The pallbearers will be employees of the Graham Paper Company, and the body will be incinerated.

The inquest on the body will be held at 10 a. m. to-day, and a jury of leading citizens will hear the testimony.

custom. Strother said he did not know that Cooper's ring had an extension top, although he had seen it and taken it from Cooper's finger a dozen times. That night he took it off without any trouble, without Cooper's assistance. He placed the jewels in his mouth, as he was nude, and had no other place to carry them. He kept them there the entire time the visitors remained, had them there when he told Cooper's son of the injury to his father, and kept them there all the while he was assisting the surgeons.

When he went down to the basement to replenish the furnace he he brought out himself of the rings, and took them out of his mouth and placed them between the rafters. Strother admitted that he lied to the police and to Cooper's son when they asked him if he knew what became of the rings, because he was "askered."

When he made this confession, Strother was returned to the holdover and the stenographer transcribed his notes so that they could be read to Strother and signed by him. After supper he was again taken before the Chief. The statement was read to him, and he was asked if it was correct, or if there was anything he wished to add.

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LEADING TOPICS
—IN—
TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 7:12 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 6:28. THE MOON RISES THIS EVENING AT 7:30.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.
For St. Louis and Vicinity—Fair and colder, followed by light snow.
For Eastern Texas—Fair Saturday, rain and colder Sunday.

For Western Texas—Cloudy Saturday, turning to rain and possibly snow in north portion; colder Sunday.

For Missouri—Fair Saturday, colder in north portion; Sunday, fair in north portion; rain in south.

For Illinois—Fair, colder Saturday, snow in south Sunday.

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4. Mrs. Richardson Laughed and Cried to Court.
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